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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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- (b) I verily believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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and the specification of which is attached hereto. (R-237-A)

- (c) I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.
- (d) I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

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